

REMARKS

Claims 16 to 18, 22, 23 and 31 to 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Honage et al. (US 4,505,655) in view of Franklin, Jr. et al. (US 4,419,058).

Claims 20, 21, 24 to 30 and 34 were allowed. Claim 19 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 16 and 18 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claims 17, 19, 22 and 31 to 33 have been amended.

The claims are all now based on allowable subject matter and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and applicants respectfully request such action.

If any additional fees are deemed to be due at this time, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of the same to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

Respectfully submitted,

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